

25X1A NOTICE OF PENDING LEGISLATION		DATE 18 January 1956 LEGISLATIVE BILL NO. H. R. 8710	
SECTION I TO : Dir/Logistics <div style="background-color: black; width: 150px; height: 15px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		GENERAL FROM: LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL	
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SECTION II COMMENTS (From Original Addressee)			
TO : LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL		FROM:	
<p>1. The enactment of H.R. 8710 would amend the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947 in several particulars. While it would increase the scope of certain negotiation authorities by raising the \$1000 limitation contained in Section 2 (c) (3) to \$2500 and by permitting the procurement of non-perishable subsistence items as well as perishable under Section 2 (c)(9), it would restrict the authority to procure by negotiation during periods of national emergency under Section 2 (c)(1), to those emergencies declared by the Congress. It is this part of the proposal that has some relationship to this Agency.</p> <p>2. Under the provisions of Section 3(a) of the CIA Act of 1949, this Agency has the authorities set forth in Section 2 (c) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (10) (12)(15)(17), and Sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 of the Armed Services Procurement Act. Under the present Section 2(c)(1) procurement may be effected by negotiation during a "period of a national emergency declared by the President or the Congress". H. R. 8710 would strike "the President".</p> <p>3. The vast majority of Agency procurement is effected under Section 2(c) (10) (impracticable to secure competition) of the Armed Services Procurement Act or Section 10 of the CIA Act. Only in a few isolated cases has recourse been made to Section 2 (c)(1). While the Agency would naturally be reluctant to have this "reserve authority" as presently contained in Section 2(c)(1) so drastically curtailed as is now proposed, in as much as it has been only of minor significance plus the fact that the Agency would continue to have other authorities which seem to be better suited for its purposes, it would appear that no meritorious objection to the enactment of H.R. 8710 could be presented.</p>			
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Remarks: Mr. [Redacted] - This is Chairman Vinson's bill amending the Armed Services Procurement Act. It passed the House on 20 Feb. 56. ~~We have not received comments from the Justice Dept.~~

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